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SUBJECT: SRI LANKA SHIPPING CONFLICT

REF: COLOMBO 3254, 3163

1. THERE IS SOME MOVEMENT ON SHIPPING CONFLICT PROBLEM BUT SOLUTION IS NOT YET AT HAND. CEYLON-USA LINES REP HAMM HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH CEYLONESE AMBASSADOR KANAKARATNE AT LUNCHEON ADDRESSED BY KANAKARATNE. FMC OFFICIALS ALSO WERE PRESENT. KANAKARATNE GAVE PERSONAL OPINION THAT CEYLON FREIGHT BOARD (CFB) WOULD ABIDE BY FMC VIEW ON BUNKER SURCHARGE. HAMM TOLD DEPT OFF (LEADER) HE WILL SEEK CONFERENCE APPROVAL TOMORROW TO RESCIND COLLECT FREIGHT ONLY RULING IF CFB CONFIRMS IT WILL ABIDE BY FMC VIEW. HAMM SAYS HE CABLED SRI LANKA NOVEMBER 19 ABOUT THIS. BEGIN FYI. HAMM ALSO SAID CUSAC WOULD NOT ACCEPT HUBER SILVA MEDIATION BUT DOES INTEND APPOINT HIS COMPANY AS SECRETARIAT FOR CUSAC.

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2. CUSAC INTENDS PROVIDE FULL DATA JUSTIFYING SURCHARGE

TO FMC BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. POSSIBLE COMPLICATION IS THAT CUSAC WILL NOT RPT NOT PERMIT CONFIDENTIAL DATA SUBMITTED TO FMC TO BE TRANSMITTED TO GSL. END FYI.

3. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED REFTELS. WE WILL FILL IN BACKGROUND AND FURTHER DETAILS ON STATE OF PLAY IN CABLE TOMORROW. INGERSOLL

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